

PATENT

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Cannon, et al. )  
APPLICATION NO.: 09/864,927 ) Examiner: Not yet known  
FILED: May 24, 2001 ) Group Art Unit: 3713  
FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ) Confirmation No.: 2424  
GAMING MACHINES WITH A )  
TOURNAMENT PLAY BONUS )  
FEATURE )

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend the subject application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.